

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of a password. A valid password input request results in a password entry screen being displayed to a user that includes authentication indicia known to the user. Failure to see the authentication indicia causes the user to know that the request is a spoof. The invention may further include a method and system of limiting the applications that operate after a password input request is received. Only the applications necessary for inputting the password operate, as the other applications are set as inoperable until the password has been input. This prevents a remote source from obtaining the password through fraudulent means such as a screen capture or trojan horse program.